

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2010

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board), was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Present were Board Members, Drs. Joseph Comaty and Rita Culross; and, Executive Director, Jaime Monic. Board Members, Drs. John C. Courtney and Lee Matthews were in partial attendance.

Dr. Matthews moved to revise Discussion Item #3 "Supervision of Psychologists for Licensure" to "Supervision Toward Licensure." The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the minutes of July 23, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney moved to enter Executive Session to conduct file reviews and oral examinations pursuant to LSA R.S.42:6.1(4). The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the members present as follows Comaty – yea, Courtney – yea, Culross – yea and Matthews - yea

Dr. Courtney moved to close Executive Session to enter the following:

Trudy Bond Litigation - Ms. Monic briefed the Board on the recommendations from the Board's Attorney, Amy Groves Lowe, regarding billing Trudy Bond for legal costs incurred by the Board and turning over documentation to Dr. Bond's licensing board to investigate.

Claire Hesse, LPC (Puckett vs. Puckett) – Dr. Comaty presented this matter and the decision of the First Circuit Court of Appeal, which decision, in summation, explains that the MMPI-2 is a psychological test that Licensed Professional Counselors are not allowed to administer because the administration of such test is outside of their scope of practice.

The Baton Rouge Test Center – Ms. Monic provided an update on this matter.

Roquel A. Williams – Ms. Monic provided an update on this matter.

David T. Weibel, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Weibel a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Michael H. Hansen, Psy.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney, Culross and Matthews for an oral examination for licensure. Dr. Courtney moved that the Board grant Dr. Hansen a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Clinical Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Matthews was excused at 1:45 for an appointment.

Lyle R. Cadenhead, Ph.D. appeared before Board members Comaty, Courtney and Culross for licensure via Reciprocity with Texas. Dr. Culross moved that the Board grant Dr. Cadenhead a license to practice psychology with a declared specialty in Counseling Psychology. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Matthews rejoined the meeting at 2:30.

Supervision and Credentials Recommendations:

The Supervision/Credentials Committee conducted file reviews and made recommendations as follows:

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Melani Wheeler, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board deny candidacy of **Dr. Wheeler** based on the findings that the requirements for licensure under LA R.S. 37:2356.A (2); 37:2359 B. (4), (12) and (13) and the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC), Title 46,

§103.A.2 and 6. had not been met. The Board, after careful consideration, unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Culross, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Lucinda Lang-DeGrange, Ph.D.**, recommended that the Board confirm the candidacy of Dr. Lang-DeGrange and invite her to sit for the oral examination for licensure. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Matthews, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Marianne H. Walsh, Psy.D.**, recommended that the Board obtain additional documentation of postdoctoral supervision and also clear criminal records check prior to confirming the candidacy of Dr. Walsh. The Board unanimously accepted this recommendation.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the Temporary Registration of **Paul D. Connor, Ph.D.**, moved that Dr. Connor be granted a Temporary Registration in Louisiana effective August 31, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Comaty, upon review of the application file for licensure of **Yolanda B. Doria Segal, Psy.D.** recommended that the candidate be removed from candidacy status, and subsequently denied licensure to practice psychology in Louisiana under the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC), Title 46, Part LXIII §105.E. based on findings that LA R.S. 37:2356 (7) and Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC), Title 46, Part LXIII, §105C and D, and §503. had not been met.

Upon review of the application for reinstatement of licensure of **Alan L. Taylor, Ph.D.**, Dr. Courtney, finding that all requirements for reinstatement had been met and considering the extenuating circumstances under which Dr. Taylor's license lapsed, moved that **Dr. Taylor's** license be reinstated retroactively to August 1, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Courtney, upon review of the application for reinstatement of licensure of **Mark J. Garcia, Ph.D.**, finding that all requirements for reinstatement had been met, moved that **Dr. Garcia's** license be reinstated as of August 13, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Ms. Monic reported to the Board that the Compilation Report being prepared by Mary Sue Stages, CPA for the Legislative Auditor for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 was near completion.

Continuing Education Committee: Ms. Monic reported that a total of 18 extensions were granted during this past renewal period. Additionally, it was reported that on June 30, 2010 there were 665 Licensed Psychologists eligible to renew their license to practice psychology. By the close of renewals on July 31, 2010, 45 individuals had not renewed. Since that time, at least 3 had unintentionally allowed their license to lapse and have applied for reinstatement.

Long Range Planning Committee: The Board discussed projected dates for the Long Range Planning Meeting and Awards Ceremony and agreed on the month of June for the LRP Meeting and February for the Awards Ceremony.

Complaints Committee – Dr. Comaty reported that there are currently 5 complaints being investigated against psychologists and 8 complaints against non-psychologists. 4 requests for investigation against psychologists are pending assignment. Ms. Monic requested that Dr. Comaty, as Chair of the Complaints Committee, meet with her to review the open cases against non-psychologists and determine a course of action for each.

Ad hoc Committee: Behavioral Health Professionals Working Group (BHPWG) Representatives – Dr. Comaty provided a status to the Board regarding the progress of the BHPWG. He also provided the Board

with a copy of the BHPWG minutes of July 28, 2010 and reported that the group's next meeting is set for September 16, 2010.

There was no report from the following committees: Oral Examination Committee, Legislative Coordinator, Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards

Discussion Items:

Opinion #001: Psychopharmacology Assessment and/or Consultation – The Board reviewed Opinion #001 pertaining to psychopharmacology assessment and/or consultation in psychological practice. Additionally, the Board reviewed the current regulations of the LA Board of Medical Examiners pertaining to physician consultation and collaboration with a psychologist. Dr. Courtney as Liaison to Professional Boards and Commissions, agreed to consult with Dr. Marier, Executive Director of the LSBME, regarding LAC, Title 46, Part XLV. Subpart 3. Ch 72. Subchapter A. §7207.A.3. as it pertains to the practice of psychology.

Opinion #006: Records Retention – Dr. Comaty presented revisions to Opinion #006 pertaining to retention of patient records by psychologists. Dr. Matthews moved to accept the revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervision Toward Licensure – The Board reviewed the requirements of supervision of applicants/candidates toward licensure as it pertains to the ability of Medical Psychologists who are not licensed under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP to supervise applicants/candidates toward licensure. After considering the requirements under R.S. 37:2356(6), 37:2352(5)(6), 37:2365.C and the LAC, Title 46 Part LXIII, it was determined that supervisors toward licensure are required to be licensed under the jurisdiction of the LSBEP. As discussed, the requirements for licensure of the supervisor by the LSBEP that are established under the laws and regulations are necessary in order to uphold and enforce the standards of practice and training requirements of psychology. Dr. Courtney, as the Board's Liaison to Boards and Commissions, agreed to discuss this matter with Dr. Marier, Executive Director of the LSBME.

Dr. Courtney was excused from the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Board Certified Behavior Analysts – Dr. Comaty discussed current issues pertaining to Behavior Analysts.

Online Directory/Website Redesign – Ms. Monic presented the Board with a draft online directory formatted as an Adobe document, which would encompass a compilation of the Board's laws, rules, ethics, opinions and other guidelines and laws pertaining to the practice of psychology. Dr. Culross moved to in favor of the online directory for publication to replace the Directory and Statutory Reference Guide. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed a proposal from TidalWaves to continue the work of Onesimus Internet Solutions, Inc. and to redesign the Boards website. Dr. Comaty moved to accept the proposal for redesign and to initiate a service contract with TidalWaves to continue the work of Onesimus. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Dates/Offsite Meeting and CE – The Board proposed the months of January and March 2011 to conduct offsite board meetings and hold continuing education workshops. The Board agreed on the following meeting dates and locations: September 15, Baton Rouge, LA; October 20, Baton Rouge, LA; November 12, Baton Rouge, LA; December 10, Baton Rouge, LA; January 21, Shreveport, LA; February TBD, Baton Rouge, LA; March, TBD, Alexandria, LA.

ASPPB Annual Meeting – The Board approved travel reimbursement and per diem for Drs. Comaty, Culross and Young to attend ASPPB's Annual Meeting.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn